

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Patrick Blin  
Serial Number : 10/599,780  
Filed : September 17, 2007  
For : Carton And Carton Blank With Reinforced Handle  
Structure  
Art Unit : 3728  
Examiner : Andrew Perreault  
Attorney's Docket : D-17059

Hon. Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

This is a response to the Office Action mailed January 20, 2010, which may be responded to on or before Monday, February 22, 2010.

The Office Action states that the application contains claims directed to the following nine (9) species:

Species A Figures 1A-1C;  
Species B Figures 2A-2C;  
Species C Figures 3A-3D;  
Species D Figures 4A-4B;  
Species E Figures 5A-5D;  
Species F Figures 6A-6C;  
Species G Figures 7A-7C;  
Species H Figures 8A-8F; and  
Species I Figures 9A-9C.

Election of one of the above species is required. In response to this requirement, Applicant hereby provisionally elects Species C to be examined. This election is made **without** traverse. Claims 10-18 encompass the elected species.

Respectfully submitted,

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